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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Mariceli Santiago	2879	

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Period for Reply

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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 January 2006.

2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.

3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) 8-13 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) ☒ Claim(s) 6 and 7 is/are allowed.

6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.

7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:

1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The Amendment, filed on January 23, 2006, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Claims 1-13 are pending in the instant application.

The Substitute Specification filed on November 14, 2003 has been entered.

Election/Restrictions

Claims 8-13 are withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim.

Applicant timely traversed the restriction (election) requirement in the reply filed on January 23, 2006.

The traversal is on the grounds that in light of the amendment of claim 10 of Invention II, the method as claimed in such claim of Invention II, as amended, is coextensive with the product as claimed in Invention I, thus, the Examiner's comments concerning possibilities of different processes do not relate to the claimed subject matter, as amended. This is not found persuasive because the method as claimed is not considered to be coextensive with the product as claimed. The product as claimed can be manufactured by another and materially different process, particularly, as evidenced by reference to Oki et al. (JP 2000-348599) which discloses the manufacture of the electron sources by deposition of a material containing boron over the cathode lines, differing from the claimed method of adhering boron to the already deposited electron sources. Accordingly, the restriction requirement between Inventions I, directed to product, and Invention II, directed to the manufacturing method, is sustained.

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Applicant's arguments regarding the restriction requirement between Species I and Species II of Invention I are persuasive, thus the restriction requirement between these two species is hereby withdrawn.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Oki et al. (JP 2000-348599 A).

Regarding claim 1, Oki discloses a display device comprising a back panel which includes a plurality of cathode lines (2), a plurality of electron sources (4) which are arranged on the plurality of cathode lines, control electrodes (6) which are arranged to face the cathode lines in an opposed manner and control an emission quantity of electrons from the electron sources, and a back substrate (1) which holds the cathode lines, and a face panel which includes anodes and fluorescent materials (Paragraph [0016]), wherein the control electrodes include a plurality of small apertures (3) which allow electrons emitted from the electron sources to pass therethrough to the face panel side at respective regions which face each electron source, and each respective electron source is divided into a plurality of small electron sources corresponding to the plurality of respective small apertures provided in each region, and the small electron sources contain boron (Paragraph [0009]).

Regarding claims 2 and 3, Oki discloses a display device wherein boron is arranged on control-electrode-side surfaces and on cathode-line-side surfaces of the small electron sources (Paragraph [0020], where the boron containing emissive material is deposited on the cathode lines 2, thus, being arranged in both the control-electrode-side surfaces and on cathode-line-side surfaces of the small electron sources).

Regarding claim 4, Oki discloses a display device wherein boron is arranged on surfaces of the cathode lines with respect to a plurality of small electron sources in common (Fig. 3).

Regarding claim 5, Oki discloses a display device wherein the area of a small electron source is set smaller than the area of the small aperture which corresponds to the small electron source (Fig. 4).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 6 and 7 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Regarding claim 6, the references of the Prior Art of record fails to teach or suggest the combination of the limitations as set forth in claim 6, and specifically comprising the limitation of each respective electron source is divided into a plurality of small electron sources corresponding to the plurality of respective small apertures provided in each region, and the small electron sources and the control electrodes contain boron. Claim 7 dependent upon claim 6 is allowable for substantially the same reasons.

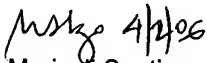
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